



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/783,805
Applicant : Ernest A. Carroll
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: UNMANNED AIRCRAFT
Customer No. : 46292

VERIFIED STATEMENT AND AFFIDAVIT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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County of Fairfax)
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State of Virginia)

I, Ernest A. Carroll, being duly sworn, depose and state:

1. I am the applicant in the above-identified patent application and am inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.

2. In an Office Action mailed April 5, 2007, Examiner Chin cited a reference against the instant application: United States Patent No. 7,014,141 for UNMANNED AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT, issued March 21, 2006 to Beverly Cox et al. upon application filed July 12, 2002, and claiming priority to United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/305,278 filed July 13, 2001.

3. Be it known that I conceived the idea and the concept of the present invention before July 13, 2001, the effective filing date of the COX et al. application.

4. United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/324,931 titled MINIATURE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT FOR ARIEL DATA HANDLING was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 27, 2001.

5. United States Utility Patent Application Serial No. 10/255,188 titled ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT, which claimed priority to the Provisional Application Serial No. 60/324,931 in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §119(e), was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 26, 2001.

6. A Notice of Allowance for Application Serial No. 10/255,188 was mailed on October 29, 2003.

7. Applicant unintentionally failed to pay the issue fee for Application Serial No. 10/255,188 due no later than January 29, 2004, and the application subsequently was abandoned.

8. Upon realizing that Application Serial No. 10/255,188 was abandoned, Applicant filed the instant application on February 23, 2004.

9. Applicant attests that the instant application and the abandoned application Serial No. 10/255,188 are identical.

10. I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge, are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

AFFIANT FURTHER SAYETH NOT:


Ernest A. Carroll

Before me this 10 day of May, 2007, appeared the affiant, Ernest A. Carroll.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on this 18 day of May, 2007.


Notary Public
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